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SUBJECT: NDP AND DUP TO MERGE

1. NDP AND DUP MARCH 31 ANNOUNCED PLANS TO MERGE TWO

PARTIES IN ORDER TO INTENSIFY MOVEMENT FOR RESTORATION DEMOCRACY AND CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION. ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED LUNCHEON MEETING BETWEEN NDP PRESIDENT KIM YONG-SAM, DUP PRESIDENT YANG IL-TONG, KIM TAE-CHUNG, AND FORMER ROK PRESIDENT YUN PO-SON. MERGER REPORTEDLY WAS SUGGESTED BY YUN AND KIM TAE-CHUNG. NDP AND DUP POLITICAL AFFAIRS COUNCILS APPROVED MERGER APRIL 1.

2. NDP ASSEMBLYMAN TOLD EMBOFF THAT CHIEF PURPOSE OF MERGER IS TO BRING KIM TAE-CHUNG BACK INTO A UNIFIED OPPOSITION PARTY AND PREVENT A SELF-DEFEATING STRUGGLE BETWEEN KIM YONG-SAM AND KIM TAE-CHUNG. ASSEMBLYMAN NOTED THAT DUP IS NOT IMPORTANT, BUT MERGER IS SYMBOL OF UNIFIED POLITICAL OPPOSITION. SOURCE SAID SEVERAL POSITIONS WOULD BE FOUND ON NDP POLITICAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL FOR DUP LEADERS.

3. NDP HAS ANNOUNCED MERGER WILL TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; NDP ASSEMBLYMAN CONFIRMS THAT DUP WILL JOIN NDP WITHIN FEW WEEKS AT MOST.

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4. PRESS HAS REPORTED NDP PLANS TO RESUME PROVINCIAL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN APRIL 3 IN PUSAN. NDP ASSEMBLYMAN HAS TOLD US THAT PARTY EXPECTS STRONG GOVERNMENT REACTION TO PUSAN ACTIVITY SIMILAR TO DISRUPTION OF PREVIOUS RALLIES BY DISABLED VETERANS ASSOCIATION. SOURCE ALSO STATES KIM YONG-SAM IS PLANNING MAJOR PRESS CONFERENCE, PROBABLY APRIL 10 IN SEOUL, WHICH WILL TEST GOVERNMENT POLICY ON IMPLEMENTATION ANTI-SLANDER AMENDMENT.
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